

Monday, May 20, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5305–S5396

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1778–1784. **Pages S5378–79**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1578, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–275)

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Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore \$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms.

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Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs.

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Wellstone/Kerry Amendment No. 3986, to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers under the Community Oriented Policing Service.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3987, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress will not enact or adopt any legislation that would increase the number of children who are hungry or homeless.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3988, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining cur-

rent expenditure levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare.

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Kerry Amendment No. 3990, to restore proposed cuts in the environment and natural resources programs, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Kerry Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Function 500 totals to maintain levels of education and training funding that will keep pace with rising school enrollments and the demand for a better-trained workforce, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3997, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should maintain the existing prohibition against additional charges by providers under the Medicare program.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3998, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should not include any changes in Federal nursing home quality standards or the Federal enforcement of such standards.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3999, to express the sense of the Congress that provisions of current Medicaid law protecting families of nursing home residents from experiencing financial ruin as the price of needed care for their loved ones should be retained.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers.

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Byrd Amendment No. 4001, to increase overall discretionary spending to the levels proposed by the

President, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Lott/Smith Amendment No. 4002, to express the sense of the Congress regarding reimbursement of the United States for the costs associated with Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort out of revenues generated by any sale of petroleum originating from Iraq.

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Simpson/Moynihan Amendment No. 4003, to express the sense of the Senate that all Federal spending and revenues which are indexed for inflation should be calibrated by the most accurate inflation indices which are available to the Federal government.

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Graham Amendment No. 4007, to create a 60 vote point of order against legislation diverting savings achieved through Medicare waste, fraud and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

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Ashcroft Modified Amendment No. 4008, to provide for an income tax deduction for the old age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals.

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Gramm Amendment No. 4009, to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed.

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Brown Amendment No. 4010, to express the sense of the Senate that there should be a cap on the application of the civilian and military retirement COLA.

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Harkin Amendment No. 4011, to provide that the first reconciliation bill not include Medicaid reform, focusing mainly on Welfare reform by shifting Medicaid changes from the first to the second reconciliation bill.

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Harkin (for Specter) Amendment No. 4012, to restore funding for education, training, and health programs to a Congressional Budget Office freeze level for fiscal year 1997 through an across the board reduction in federal administrative costs.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 4013, to establish that no amounts realized from sales of assets shall be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls.

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Thompson Amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution.

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Simpson (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms.

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Snowe Amendment No. 4017, to express the sense of the Senate that the aggregates and functional levels included in the budget resolution assume that savings in student loans can be achieved without any program change that would increase costs to students and parents or decrease accessibility to student loans.

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Chafee/Breaux Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute.

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Domenici (for Dole/Hatch/Helms) Amendment No. 4019, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should investigate the practice regarding the prosecution of drug smugglers.

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Feingold Amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut.

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Withdrawn:

Thomas Amendment No. 3974, to express the sense of the Senate supporting biennial budgeting.

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A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, May 21, 1996.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:23 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, May 21, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5376.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM—PERSONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on proposals to create personal savings accounts under the Social Security system, receiving testimony from Senator Kerrey; Robert J. Myers, Silver Spring, Maryland, former Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; former Delaware Governor Pete du Pont, Wilmington, on behalf of the National Center for Policy Analysis; and Stanford G. Ross, Arnold & Porter,

former Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Robert J. Shapiro, Progressive Policy Institute,

and Carolyn L. Weaver, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3493–3494 were introduced. **Page H5299**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3068, to accept the Request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act (H. Rept. 104–584);

H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, amended (H. Rept. 104–585); and

H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers (H. Rept. 104–586). **Page H5299**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Laughlin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5291**

Immigration: It was made in order that the House return to the Senate H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, together with the Senate amendment to the bill. **Page H5291**

Presidential Message—United States-Austria Social Security Agreement: Read a message from the President wherein he submits his Supplementary Agreement Amending the Agreement between the United States of America and Austria on Social Security—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–217). **Page H5292**

Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees. **Page H5298**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H5291.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5299–H5300.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on the nominations of Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, and David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 8:45 a.m., SR–332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the American Bar Association and its role in the selection of Federal judges, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 582, to provide that certain voluntary disclosures of violations of Federal laws made pursuant to an environmental audit shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence during a Federal judicial or administrative proceeding, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia, 11:30 a.m., SH–216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E847 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 2 p.m. H-140 Capitol.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on AID Whistleblower: Paul Neifert, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Church fires in the South, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on several ecoregion-based assessments currently being conducted by the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration operations and status of the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; and H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Promotion Act of 1996, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, 4 p.m., S-207, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget.

(Senate may recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 21

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following 8 suspensions:

1. H.R. 1483, Revision of Veterans Benefits Decisions Based on Clear and Unmistakable Error;

2. H.R. 3373, Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1996;

3. H.R. 2594, Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments of 1996;

4. H. Con. Res. 154, Congratulating the Republic of China on Taiwan on the Occasion of its First Presidential Democratic Election;

5. H. Con. Res. 160, Congratulating the People of Sierra Leone on the Success of their Recent Democratic Multiparty Elections;

6. H. Con. Res. 165, Saluting and Congratulating Polish People Around the World as they Commemorate the 205th Anniversary of Poland's First Constitution;

7. H. Con. Res. 167, Recognizing the Tenth Anniversary of Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster; and

8. H.J. Res. , Expressing the Sense of Congress Concerning Drug Smuggling on the Southwest border.

Consideration of H. Res. 437, rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997; and

Consideration of H.R. 3415, to Repeal the 4.3 Cent Increase in Transportation Motor Fuels Excise Tax (closed rule, 1 hour of debate).

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